07/18/2016

Incident: Vehicle Pursuit and Arrest

Location: Petit Ave. and Petit Ci.

Date/Time Occurred: 07/17/16 @ 1:33 a.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura PD K-9 Unit, California Highway Patrol

Suspect(s): Dante Payne, 30 years, Ventura Resident

Report #: 16-9906

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from the California Highway Patrol requesting our assistance on a vehicle pursuit that entered onto the city streets. The CHP had initiated the pursuit several minutes earlier near the intersection of Telephone Rd. and Highway 101 off-ramp, when officers attempted to stop the vehicle to investigate a possible DUI driver. The driver, later identified as Dante Payne, was failing to stop.

Ventura Police officers took over the pursuit from the California Highway Patrol in the area of Telephone Rd. and Ramelli Ave., as Payne continued to evade officers reaching speeds of approximately 60 MPH. Prior to taking over the pursuit, Payne had driven over a center median, which caused him to lose the right front tire of his Ford pickup. He continued, driving eastbound on Bristol Rd. to northbound Petit Ave. Payne drove to the intersection of Petit Ave. and Petit Ci., where he stopped and exited his vehicle. He was taken into custody without incident.

Officers later learned that Payne discarded a loaded and stolen shotgun out of his vehicle during the pursuit. The shotgun was found by a citizen near the intersection of Ramelli Ave. and Raccoon Ct.

The California Highway Patrol took custody of Payne. He was later booked at the Ventura County Jail for felony evading arrest, felon in possession of a loaded and stolen firearm, possession of an altered weapon and a parole violation.

No citizens or officers were injured as a result of this pursuit.